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Getting the "L" Out of Allred

Submitted by James V. Allred

*My progenitors: ?, John, Masten, Samuel,
Edward*

As I research my family genealogy, I continue to come across two major spellings of Allred. There are probably as many stories about how this happened as there are Allreds. Here is how my family came to spell the name Allred and Alred.

My grandfather, Samuel Jackson Allred, (b. Polk County, Georgia, 1861), married Mary Jane Weems in September 1887. They had seven children before Grandmother died. Grandfather then married Stashy Eliza Bradley about 1906 in Alabama. They had four children.

These two "batches," as they were referred to as children, became very competitive. The competition came to the point where the second batch decided to gain their own identity and changed the spelling of their names to Alred. And so, now you know the rest of the story.

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Tot and Adrian Allred were the high bidders on the Allred family quilt auctioned during the Spring City Allred Reunion. The quilt went back to Pittsboro, NC, with them. See page 2 for more details of this reunion.

There are many wonderful Allred stories such as the this one. If you have an interesting Allred vignette, longer story and photos, please submit them to Alice Allred Pottmyer, pottmyera@aol.com or 5540 N. 32nd St., Arlington, VA 22207-1535.

Where is Larry?

Larry Allred, Allred Family Organization President, usually writes a column for each issue. However, at press time, his computer suffered a major virus attack. It was more serious than the usual virus and he was unable to send his column. He plans to attend the September Randolph County Reunion and also the Week of Allred in November. You will hear from Larry in the next issue.

The Spring City Allred Reunion

The 10th Annual Spring City Reunion was held June 24. The town of Spring City, UT, is a National Register Historic District. It was originally settled in March 1852 by James Allred (Thomas, William). James and Elizabeth Allred were later joined in Spring City by his brother, Isaac, and several children of both brothers.

AFO President Larry Allred welcomed the group of Allred cousins from all over the United States.

Dawnell Griffin, member of the Allred Family Organization Research Committee, reported on her progress in finding Allred roots in England and Pennsylvania. AFO members will be notified when her research report is available.

Linda Allred Cooper, Pittsboro, NC, shared her information on the "four original Allred brothers: Thomas, William, Solomon and John, from Randolph County, NC." She staffed an exhibit table with North Carolina Allred information.

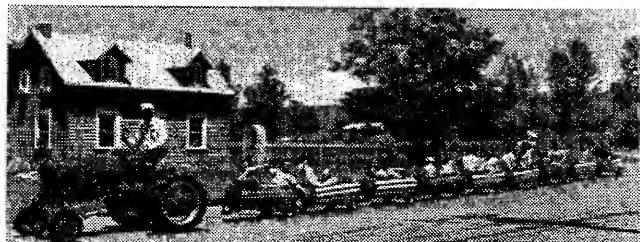
Spring City Tour

Alice Allred Pottmyer distributed copies of an Allred Tour of historic Spring City. She is a fifth great granddaughter of James Allred, the founder of the town.

The booklet contains photos and descriptions of 28 Allred sites in Spring City. The booklet is free. If you did not attend the reunion and would like a copy, please send \$2 to her for postage and handling. Send to Alice A. Pottmyer, 5540 North 32nd Street., Arlington, VA 22207-1535.



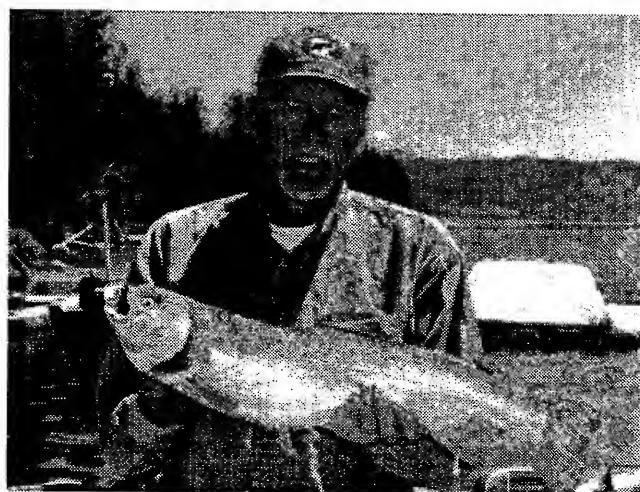
Bob and Bill Olson grilled chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs for the reunion group. Lunch time provided an opportunity to meet and greet family members.



Carl Pyper, Spring City, thrilled children with his train rides pulled by his tractor. He made the train from old hot water heaters, installed comfortable seats and painted the train, red, white and blue. Children had a special tour of Spring City. There were also other games and activities for the children.



For the third year, a group of North Carolina Allreds have attended the Spring City Reunion. Shown here are first row (l-r) Eugene Allred, Franklin Allred and Hollis Allred. Back row (l-r) Wesley Drye (grandson of Sara and Hollis Allred), Sara Allred, Wallace Allred, Adrian Allred, Carolyn Allred and Eddie Clay Allred. After the reunion, the group visited Bryce and Zion National Parks in Southern Utah.



After the reunion, Bob Olson, who headed the reunion committee, visited nearby Henry's Lake and caught a 6 lb. trout.

Susan Caroline Allred: Grandma Lassiter

By Debra Monteil Dowling

With facts from Iona Keuneke and
Ardith Reichley

From the time I can first remember my mother talked about going to visit her Grandmother Lassiter down in Indiana. Grandma Lassiter was her mother's mother. There where other relatives they visited too, but Grandma Lassiter seemed to stand out in her memory.

My mother's parents moved to the Akron, Michigan, area from Indiana in 1907. Her dad suffered from asthma. His doctor felt the Michigan climate would be better for him. He was able to make a success of his farm here, but the ties to family in Indiana were very strong. I don't know how often they went back in the early years. Mom, who was born in 1913, remembers a yearly trip in the summer over dirt roads in an open car.

Born in Randolph County

Grandma Lassiter was born Susan or Susannah Caroline Allred on August 17, 1842. She was the ninth and last child of William Allred and Rachel Coltrain Allred. She was born at Millboro, Randolph County, NC, as were all the other children. I know nothing of her childhood. Her dad, William, is briefly mentioned in William and Patience's Allred's letter to their son, Elijah, in Texas, written, July 14, 1843, and published in *The Courier*, September 6, 1936. William states that, "My son William is living on the same place he did when you went away and has a large family and is doing well. He has built a frame to the side and end of his house and finished them off very well and made them very comfortable". From this I assume that Susan had a comfortable life. It was common family knowledge that she had a pretty good education for a woman of her time. I don't know where she acquired her education, but I suspect the Female Academy in Ashboro but I am unable to substantiate it.

On March 12, 1862 she married Henry

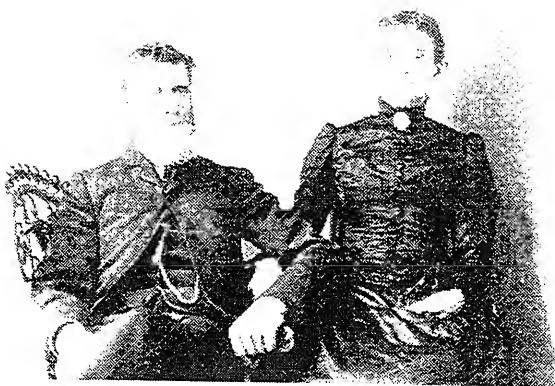
Harrison Lassiter. On July 17, 1863, their first child was born, William McCoy Lassiter. He became known as "Coy." In the mean time the Civil War had started. Randolph County had voted against succession, and Henry, like a majority of the people living there, was opposed to the War.* Conscription, otherwise known as the draft, was announced April 16, 1862, forcing many men to join the Confederacy. Henry did not agree with the war and wanted no part in the fighting. He chose to go to the salt works. The works were in Wilmington, NC.** He did not like that either. He could not read or write, therefore any letters back and forth between him and Susan had to be read to him and written for him. Susan was determined that she would teach him when they were together again.

Family in Indiana

Susan's brother, Abner Allred and her sister, Patia Ann Hammond and their families were living in Indiana by this time. Susan and Henry managed somehow to make plans to join her family in Indiana. Henry escaped from the salt works April 11, 1864. He spent five days at sea in a small boat. He finally landed at Baltimore, MD, and was arrested and held for not taking the oath of allegiance. From there he worked his way to Huntington County, IN, to Patia and Nathan Hammond's. He sent word back to Susan that he had made it safely and that she should come. It was 1865 and little Coy was two years old. Few stories were passed down from that journey. Only that she came by horseback, wagons or any way she could. At the Mason-Dixon Line she had to swear, with her right hand held up, that she would treat the Negro as equal, otherwise she could not pass.

See Page 7 for map of Indiana indicating location of Huntington County in the Northeastern section of the state.

Their next child was born December 31, 1866. That was James. Henry and Susan settled south of Andrews, IN, on a farm that they had to clear before they could farm. The rest of their family was born in Huntington County, IN.



*Henry and Susan Allred Lassiter.
(between 1890 and 1905)*

There were eight children. After James were Delphina, Nathan, Alvira, Wiley, Patia and Henry.

Henry, Susan's husband, died of cancer on September 8, 1913, at age 73. Susan would live to be 93 years old. She died December 4, 1935. She never weighed more than 107 pounds. She called it dog weight. We know she chewed tobacco and my grandmother, Alvira, thought she occasionally smoked a pipe.

She was a staunch Republican and interested in politics. She made a red, white and blue suit for her son Jim to wear to the Republican rallies. This suit is preserved today as a quilt made by her daughter-in-law, Phoebe Lassiter. The quilt is still in the family.

Strong Willed Woman

She was strong willed and high tempered. She let everyone know what she thought. My mother remembers they always stopped at a schoolhouse just before they got to Grandma's house to wash up at the pump after that long ride from Michigan. Alvira knew her mother would have something to say if they did not arrive clean. The story is told that on more than one occasion Henry brought the buggy around front with the intent of taking the family somewhere. They would all get in. Susan would say, "I'm not going." They would all get out and Henry would put the buggy and horses away. When her birthday came around everyone was supposed to be there. It was a big day for her. She always set a beautiful table. My mother remembers a set of brown willow wear dishes. The children had to eat in the kitchen and were expected to be quiet.

If they laughed Susan told them to shut up. My grandfather said his father-in-law, Henry, deserved a pension for living with her. My mother said they always enjoyed going there, however their grandmother was not one to give them hugs and kisses or make a big fuss over them. They were expected to behave properly while they were there.

In 1891, Henry and Susan took the train back to North Carolina to visit. It had been 27 years since they had seen their family and friends there. Susan made a gold velvet dress for the trip. It took 25 hours to get to North Carolina. In the letters they wrote back to Indiana, they said the crops of peanuts, persimmons, acorns and corn were good for North Carolina. One of the meals they had while there was opossum and was very good. They brought home a peck of peanuts and some figs. They left Indiana on October 1 and arrived back home in Indiana on October 29.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

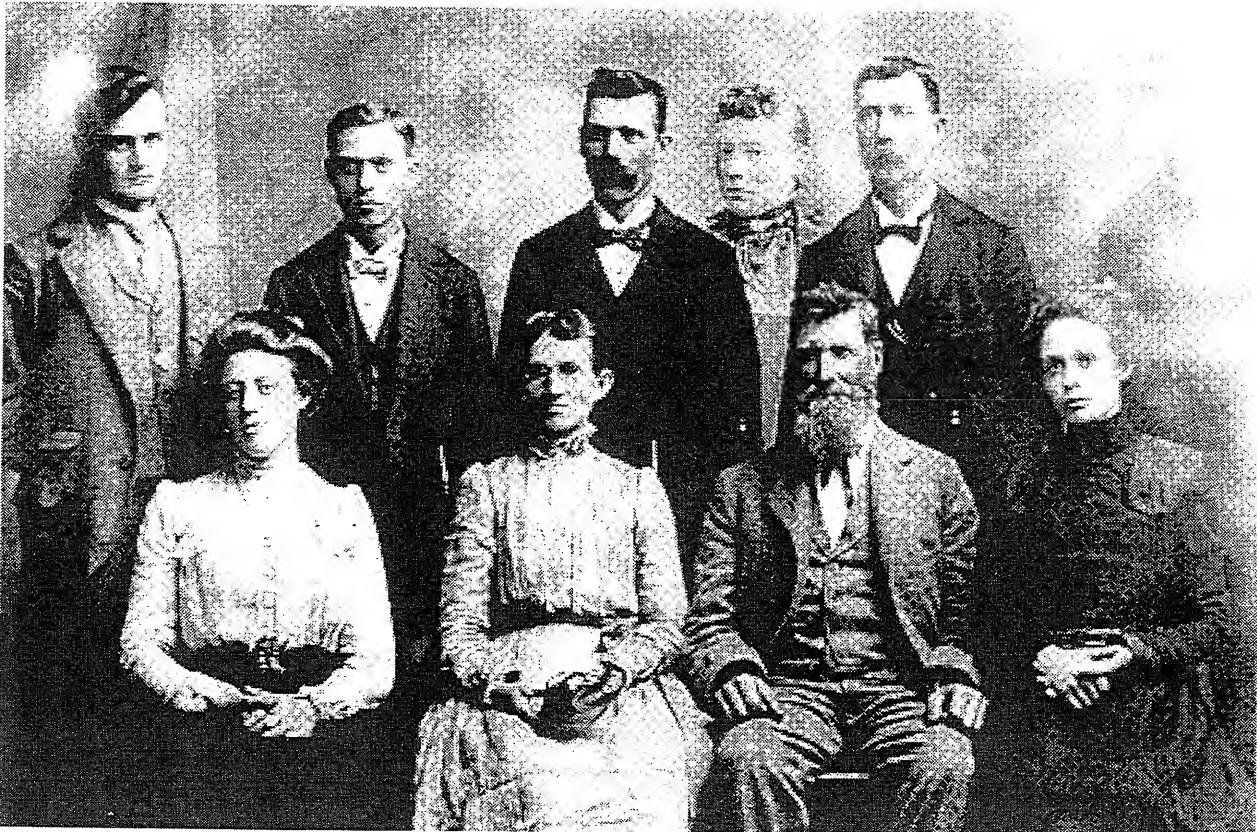
They moved to a farm south east of Zanesville, IN, on March 20, 1901. They spent the rest of their lives there. In 1912, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and Susan wore her gold velvet dress for this occasion also.

Neither Henry nor Patia (Ina) married. They lived at home with their parents. Patia died before her mother. They are all buried in the Union Town Cemetery located a half mile south and across the road from the last residence.

The descendants of Henry and Susan have been getting together every year since 1963 for a reunion. In 1980, Iona and Hubert Keuneke compiled a Lassiter family history with all the dates for the descendants of Henry and Susan Lassiter and gave every member a copy. It is a great treasure for all of us.

*From the book: Randolph County 1779-1979, Randolph County Genealogical Library (Ashboro, NC)

** From the book: History of Huntington County Indiana: from the earliest times to the present, page 624, article on H.H. Lassiter, Wabash Carnegie Public Library (Wabash, IN)



The Lassiter Family: Back Row, Henry, Wiley, Peter, Del, Jim and Coy, Front Row: Ina, Susan Allred, Henry and Alvira. Photo between 1900 and 1905.

Grandma Lassiter's Father

My cousin, Beth Keuneke, sent the following excerpts from the *Wabash Plain Dealer* newspaper in Wabash, IN. It concerns William Allred (William, William, William or Wilhem, John Dieder) and (Patience, Catherine, John). He was Susannah Allred's, Grandma Lassiter's, father.

Wabash Plain Dealer: July 16, 1886

“Wm. Allred has been very sick for several days with kidney trouble. Mr. Allred is the oldest man in this township, being in his 88th year,”

Wabash Plain Dealer: July 30, 1886

“Grandpa Allred is still sinking and is not expected to live many days.”

Wabash Plain Dealer: August 6, 1886

“Wm. Allred died Friday July 30th and was buried Sunday at Mt. Etna. He was the oldest man in Lagro Township.

Submitted by

Debra Monteil Dowling

Dewitt, MI

(William, William and William, John, Catherine, Patience)

Laban Allred: A 1931 Interview

This article was published in a local Indiana newspaper on September 27, 1931. It is an interview of Laban Allred, son of Abner Allred. The name of the paper was not with the article. This was found in the Huntington County, Indiana, Genealogy Library. Abner Allred was a brother of Susan Caroline Allred Lassiter, featured on pages 3-5.
This newspaper article submitted by Debbie Monteil Dowling

Old Time Hospitality Still Lives at Laban Allred's By F.S. Bash

It is a God-given, attribute of mankind to look upon the farm with a sense of respect and obligation, since the world must depend on the soil as the only source of food supply. Farming among the nations of the earth has been paternal and patriarchal rather than regal, brilliant and spectacular. It is the foundation of honest toil and good, safe method of livelihood. In some men are born a love of the soil more deeply embedded in their nature than is found in others and for them there is no happiness so great as to cultivate crops and see herds grazing in the pastures. Such a farmer likes activity and energy and takes pride in the cultivation of his mind as well as the soil, which enables him to give sound advice not only in the realm of agriculture but in problems of government in township, county, state and nation.

I believe it is a conservative statement to mention in this connection and entirely of my own responsibility that a man of such predilection from youth to mature manhood has been Laban Allred, a modest unassuming life resident of Lancaster township. His fondness for the soil, education and fruitful mind have won for him success in farming all the way back through the years since he has been managing his agricultural interest, but now he has come to the time when he is puzzled to know how to handle the acres and herds so as to scrape up enough money to meet taxes and upkeep each year.

"I have always loved farm life," he said to me recently while we were visiting together on the porch of his splendid home in Lancaster Township, just off of pavement No. 9. "For many years I have enjoyed feeding out beef cattle for market. Covering many years I made trips to Chicago and later to Kansas City to purchase carloads of cattle for my farm and along with crop farming, could manage to either break even or make a little money. But now, upon my word, prices are so low and taxes so extremely high that there seems no way out of the gulf of despair. There is no evading the fact that the country is in a serious condition."

A Cattle Buyer Calls

Soon after we began talking a cattle buyer from another county called to dicker with Laban for his herd of beef cattle. I was told the same man had called the week before but no sale resulted. After an hour of negotiations in private, the cattleman drove away and Laban joined me on the porch. "Did you come together" was asked. "No sir, I

didn't sell," he answered with an expression of mingled disappointment and enigmatical quandary over something he was not able to understand and solve. "No, the best he would offer me was four and a half cents," explained Laban, "and I paid five cents for them last spring when shipped here from the western stockyards. These buyers have good contracts with the state to supply meat daily to the big public institutions, such as the penitentiary at Michigan City, or the reformatory at Pendleton, yet they offer only four and a half cents. They care nothing for my losses in the transaction. They are making money and right now are figuring on the purchasing of one of the largest packinghouses in northern Indiana. But there is no pity for the farmer."

This is a fair sample of the situation all along the line in farming. The best of farmers cannot see their way out of the gloom. So far as I know, Mr. Allred is one of the heaviest landowners in Lancaster Township. He and his wife hold title to 629 acres, but this figure includes a farm in another township. It is necessary to produce in cold cash each year something like \$800 to take care of taxes, saying nothing about upkeep expenses that must be met constantly. Mr. Allred believes like many of the wisest thinkers that there must be a radical halt in public expenditures for tax reduction as well as other forms of economy brought about until a more equitable adjustment of things can be reached.

Tractor Speeds Up Work

Mr. Allred and his son Merritt operate all of the Allred land in Lancaster Township except some farmed by Ralph Snider. It is by use of a tractor that such large acreage can be handled. Merritt was drilling wheat the day I called. During the season he and his father put up 101 acres of hay, harvested 40 acres of oats, a large crop of wheat and now have 50 acres of good corn. Besides the cropping they look after extensive numbers of beef cattle and some cows. Mr. Allred bought 460 lambs last fall, which proved a fair investment. "I have always enjoyed feeding our cattle," continues Mr. Allred, "and for the first fifteen years of my experience did my buying in Chicago, but ever since then I have been buying in Kansas City. "On one of my trips to Chicago many years ago," he narrated "I took with me Roe Killen and Enoch Grull. It was Roe's first trip outside of the state and he was greatly interested in the sights. He and I were seatmates together in the district school we attended when boys. I belonged in the south end of the district and he was from the north side. One of the matters we were

interested in was to look up a firm that specialized in making lasts for deformed feet. Enoch had a foot that was not normal. Well we found the place and after measurements were taken the last was made and cost \$5.00. Down through the years, Enoch has kept that last and now and then has a shoe made over it. He is still living and I suppose still has the last we helped him get.

Asked whether Laban was born in Lancaster Township, he said: "No I was born two miles south of Banquo and was three years old when my parents moved over here in 1863 and settled on the old homestead which is the next house south on the pavement from where we are now living. So, with the exception of those three years I have always been a resident of Lancaster Township. My ancestry goes back to Scotland, but my daddy was born in North Carolina.

Burials in Primitive Times

"One of my earliest recollections after we moved over here from south of Banquo," explained Mr. Allred, "was the burial of a neighbor's child one cold winter day. The family was very poor and lived just back of us. But we were all poor for that matter and neighborhood customs were pretty much alike with all of us. There was no expense connected with a funeral. In the case of the family referred to they made the little coffin themselves and the body was hauled to the graveyard in a wagon or sled. No minister was present, no service held. It may have been impossible to secure a minister even had one been desired, for they were scattered over a wide territory of county and only came into a neighborhood when a religious service was arranged at a residence or school house. The day was bitter cold when our neighbor's child was taken to the old graveyard south of Mt. Etna for burial. I remember the funeral party all stopped at Lewis Antwerp's store in Mt. Etna, to warm.

"My mother's uncle, Hiram Sparks, when visiting at our house told of coming through the woods where he found Mr. Hefner, a pioneer, grubbing brush and chopping down trees for the starting of a town to be called Mt. Etna. At that time the village of Charleston, a mile east of Mt. Etna, was already platted and houses going up. When the Mt. Etna boom got under way, Charleston soon passed away. Those big locusts in Mt. Etna are said to be as old as the town. My father told me the large locust tree in front of our old homestead was raised from a cutting. When No. 9 was to be paved I feared the tree would be removed, but the roadmen left it stand and I was very glad. It would have grieved me to see it destroyed for there is something sacred about a tree planted by one's ancestors.

When I was a lad I remember being out with my father when he was hunting squirrels and other game along the river. We came across a man who was clearing ground for the first store building in what he said was going to be Monument City. The man was either John Irey or "Squire" McKinstry, of Andrews, and I have forgotten which. The monument at that time stood a couple of hundred feet further south than its present location. It was dedicated by



the Odd Fellows. In that day the regalia was quite gaudy and many of the plain religious creeds did not like it, claiming it was all for show.

Mrs. Allred a Stouder

Here I asked the lady of the house to explain how the fates contrived to bring her and her husband together, since she was Ida J. Stouder, daughter of John and Mary Lahr Stouder, who lived some distance away over near Andrews. She thought for a moment then made this interesting comment: "I can tell you of the very first meeting I had with Laban that is to say, the first time I ever saw him. I was fifteen and was with a funeral party going to Mt. Etna to bury the wife of Elihu Turner. It was a very cold day and we stopped at the Abner Allred home to warm. Laban was just beginning to sit up after a spell of sickness from pneumonia.

"The Allreds owned some land over in Dallas Township near where we lived. It was what was known as the Charles Hahn place. Laban came over there to put in crops and incidentally made it suit to drop in at our house and visit. Our friendship continued to grow from year to year."

At this point Laban began coloring up and I think he wanted to change the subject. At any rate he broke in with

some interesting details about his crops on the Hahn land that paid his way in college at Danville. He said: "I raised enough wheat on seven acres over there to make me \$95.00 that paid all my expenses at the Danville College from September to March and I had enough left to come home on. The next year I made my college money off ten acres of corn. And so I managed to farm in summer and go to college three years, beginning in the fall of 1881, my expenses each year ranging around \$95.00. Do you think a college student these days could do that? In the first place the cost now would run away over that I paid, and in the next place seven acres of wheat or ten acres of corn would not bring such good returns.

Laban Did Some Contracting

Mr. and Mrs. Allred were married September 18, 1888. Their children are Stanley and Willard Allred, Mrs. Edna Snider, Russell Allred, Mrs. Mary Haines and Merritt Allred, the last named, with his wife, living in the same house with the husband's parents and farming the place.

"I did a little contracting in my younger days," said Laban. "I helped Elihu Turner build the Hart School House. We drew up our own plans and specifications, submitted them to the trustee where they came in competition with other bidders for the job. Our offer called for \$1000 when the building was completed. We were awarded the contract and went to work. We bought the brick in Andrews and hired Fred Scheiblen, of Huntington to lay up the walls. John H. Welch of Fort Wayne, put on the slate roof. When all was done and we had our pay, we found we had cleared one hundred dollars and were very well satisfied. That was back in 1885. Think of putting up a building like that now days for \$1000! That was before the day of graft so common now in public improvements. That Hart School House is still standing and in good repair so far, as I know. It was once a community center for public gatherings, Sunday School and church services."

For twenty-eight years Mr. and Mrs. Allred lived on the

old homestead place south of where they are now located. They built a splendid residence on the Sam Crull farm and moved there sixteen years ago. The location is somewhat historical. Not only was Samuel Crull about the earliest settler there, but later on Isaac E. Fisher and father, Caleb Fisher, resided there. Andy Bolinger finally purchased the farm and sold out to Laban Allred. "There is 143 acres in the farm," said Laban, "and when I bought it from Andy Bolinger I gave him a check calling for \$7000. That was the biggest check I ever issued in my life. In those days that was a heap of money but would be harder to get now than it was then."

The writer's visit at the Allred home was not by invitation but came as a surprise to the family. I only expected to tarry for an hour or so, but circumstances alter cases you know. The elegant home, shade trees, shrubbery, fruit, choice current reading matter were all so irresistibly inviting to me that it was an easy matter to linger beyond the hour planned. In the first place Laban was away when I arrived. He had gone to town for timothy seed to sow in the wheat but would be right back, so the son and wife assured me. He came back directly and we were soon visiting. Then the cattleman from another county called as I have already explained in the beginning of this story. It was nearly noon. And then, oh boy! The family ushered me into the dining room where a chicken dinner was ready with an extra plate for me. As I feasted on chicken, dressing, spreads, ground cherry preserves and peach pie, I did thank my stars that the cattleman stayed so long.

Man may boast of banquets clever
And tell of chef's supreme endeavor.
But for real dining and supplying
Of every want quite satisfying-
Including mind and heat and innerman-
Warm, genuine, cosmopolitan-
Just choose for me a place to dine
At Laban's out near Number Nine.

Laban Allred, was interested in his family. He wrote a letter in 1932 to Texas Attorney General, James V. Allred. The return letter from James Allred is printed on the next page. James Allred later served as Governor of Texas from 1935 to 1939. See Issue No. 42 for an article on Governor Allred.

JAMES V. ALLRED
ATTORNEY GENERAL

State of Texas
Office of the Attorney General
Austin
May 6, 1932

Mr. Laban Allred
Route 7
Huntington, Indiana

Dear Sir:

I was indeed happy to receive your letter of May third.

Indeed, I am of the same branch of the family from which you come. The William Allred, to whom you refer, was my great great grandfather. He lived in Randolph County, North Carolina. His son, Renne Allred, who was a brother to Laban and Mahlon, was my great grandfather. He came to Texas in 1837. Another brother was Elijah Allred, who settled in Harrison County, Texas, somewhere around the forties.

My father, Renne Allred, of Bowie, Texas, has in his possession a very interesting letter dated in 1843 from William Allred to Elijah Allred, in which he gives quite an interesting account of all the family and in which he makes mention of both Laban and Mahlon. I am forwarding your letter to him, together with a copy of this one, and am sure you will hear from him.

Trusting that I may have the pleasure of seeing you personally in the future, I am

Sincerely yours,

James V. Allred

2000 Week of Allred

by Linda Allred Cooper

The East Coast Allreds began hosting the Week of Allred in 1998. With absolutely no idea what we were doing, but having tons of fun, we spent that first week hiking to one abandoned graveyard, cleaning and repairing tombstones in another, and learning more about our Allred heritage while stomping around Randolph County, NC. AFO President, Larry Allred, came from Utah to join us. Alice Allred Pottmyer drove down to join us from Virginia. Allreds from all over North Carolina joined in and we had a great time bonding as a family while gathering genealogy data. We had so much fun we decided to make this an annual event.

During the 1999 Week of Allred, we spent the first few days in Randolph County. Tom and Debbie Dowling from Michigan joined in the fun and, again, Larry was here, this time with his wife, Linda. We spent the second half of the week in Overton County, Tennessee, where we visited the little community of Allred. Charlotte Allred Walker hosted a wonderful mini Allred Reunion for us in Livingston and we made some great friends and contacts while there, including Allred cousins Lynn Looper Seesock, Reda Bilbrey and Nancy Allred McLeod and her husband, Scott.

This year we plan to continue our successful agenda of spending a few days visiting aban-

doned graveyards then traveling to learn more about our Allred heritage. As you look over the schedule, imagine yourself having fun with us - then make your plans to join us!

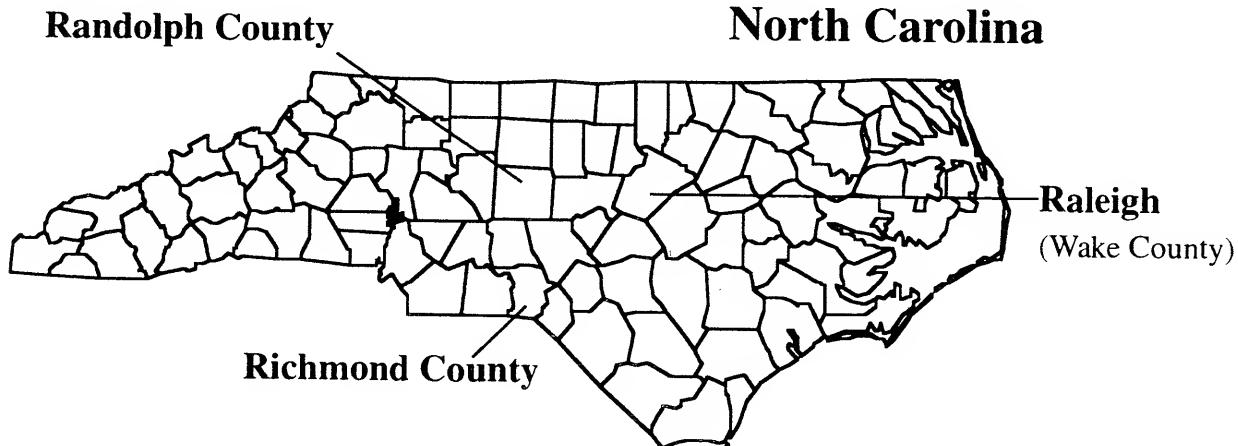
If you want more information about the 2000 Week of Allred, please let us know. The contacts are Eddie Clay Allred (eallred@eddieallred.com or 336/672-6608) and me (lacooper@mindspring.com or 919/542-3077). We look forward to hearing from you soon. Please contact one of us by October 15, 2000, if you plan to attend.

Friday, November 24, 2000

We'll gather for a family supper at 6 p.m. at Ryan's Steakhouse in Asheboro, NC (Randolph County). This will be your chance to see who's participating this year and learn any schedule changes.

Saturday, November 25

Breakfast is at 8 a.m. at IHOP in Asheboro. Then we'll travel a few miles east to Ramseur. We'll park the cars and hike about 3/4 mile into the woods to find the abandoned Foust-Lane Family Cemetery. Elizabeth Allred, granddaughter of the "original" William, married Garrett Lane. We will be looking for their graves and the graves of their children. This cemetery is located on what used to be Garrett and Elizabeth's land. Wear comfortable outdoor clothing and bring along tombstone recording materials, a shovel, pick ax, and other items you may need to clear an abandoned cemetery and find old graves. If you don't have these items, don't worry. Someone else in the group will have the tools.

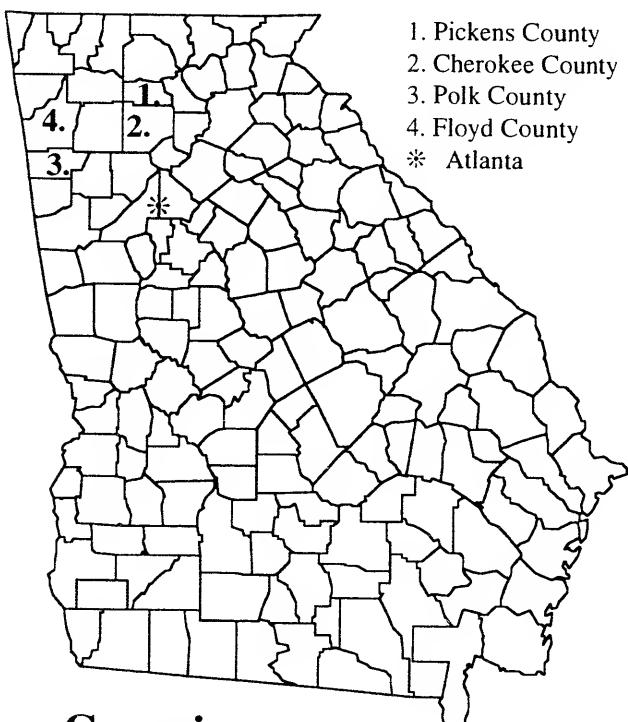


Sunday, November 26

Each year we attend church at one of the many churches in Randolph County where Allreds are members. This year we'll attend the 11 a.m. Worship Service at Patterson Grove Christian Church. Many of the Allreds buried in the cemetery descend from either the "original" William or John. The cemetery overlooks some of the "original John and Thomas" land. The cemetery dates to 1775. Lunch is at Captain Tom's Seafood Restaurant. After a quick stop at Rebecca Allred Hoover's house to change clothes, we'll drive to Giles Chapel United Methodist Church where we'll spend the afternoon repairing tombstones. One of the broken tombstones we'll repair belongs to Elijah Allred, great grandson of the "original" Thomas.

Monday, November 27

Breakfast at 8 a.m. at IHOP again, then we'll drive south to Richmond County to visit the abandoned Buffalo Cemetery. This cemetery is located on what used to be the "original" Solomon's land and is thought to be where he is buried. Again, plan to wear comfortable outdoor clothing and bring along those cemetery tools.



Tuesday, November 28

The day begins at 7 a.m. when we gather at Eddie Clay's house to begin our trip to Georgia. This evening there is a supper meeting at Ryan's Family Steakhouse, Canton, (I-575, exit 20) north of Atlanta. We stay at the Comfort Inn Canton for the next two nights. Rates are \$65, plus tax, per night.

Wednesday, November 29

After breakfast at 8 a.m., we will spend the day visiting Allred graves and sites in Pickens County. The towns of Jasper and Tate are in the area where Elias, son of the "original" Thomas settled and many of his descendants live today. We will also visit Sharpe Mountain Baptist Church in Cherokee County. See page 12.

Thursday, November 30

Breakfast is at 8 a.m. We then drive approximately one hour west where we spend the day visiting and viewing the Allred sites in Polk and Floyd Counties. The Allreds in this area trace their family back to John Allred who was born around 1775, possibly in South Carolina. This is one of the "unattached" families who have not been linked to any of the "original" four Allreds yet. This evening, we attend a family supper meeting hosted by James V. Allred and Melvin Alred (yes, that's one "L"). We spend the next two nights at the Best Western Executive Inn in Rome, GA. Rates are \$50 plus tax per night for a room with two double beds.

Friday, December 1

Breakfast at 8 a.m. and then we spend the day seeing the rest of the area's Allred sites in Floyd and Polk Counties. This evening we'll attend a family supper meeting hosted by Melvin and cousin James V. Allred, Reston, VA (dutch treat).

Saturday, December 2

After breakfast, the group heads back to Randolph County, NC. This night we'll gather for our final family supper at Best Foods in Siler City. We'll be a happy and tired group, reviewing the week's activities, sharing photos, and saying our good-byes until next year.

The Great Revival of 1873

by Linda Allred Cooper
Pittsboro, NC

On August 12, 1836, a faithful group of Christians came together in Cherokee County, Georgia to constitute a new Baptist church. Named the Sharpe Mountain Baptist Church, this new church quickly earned a reputation for welcoming people from all races. At the very first church service, "Colored People" and Indians were present and became active members. Several are buried in the predominantly white cemetery. Church records reveal that one former slave, Aunt Rose Lay, remained a member until her death. "After whites on communion days, she was served the sacrament and a white woman would wash her feet." Very unusual for a community and church located in a southern state known for its cotton plantations and large slave populations. Soon, an unbelievable event would add to this church's reputation and ensure it would forever be remembered in Cherokee County, Georgia.

As is tradition in Baptist churches, Sharpe Mountain held a revival each year. In September 1873, as members were preparing for their revival by participating in a communion service, a strange event began. A "great light" appeared, hovering on and around the pulpit. "Sweet music" could be heard, yet no one could figure out where the music was coming from. The congregation huddled close together, scared, yet calm, and began to pray. They remained in the church over night, never leaving the building, watching the light and listening to the music while praying.

Light and Music

Word began to spread throughout the community and others soon came to see the light and hear the music. Many searched to find the origin of the light and music, yet no one explanation could be found.

The light and music continued, the pulpit bathed in a beautiful glow while "sweet voices" and music floated in the air inside the church from September throughout the Fall. The faithful

never left the building, remaining in constant prayer and meditation. Each day brought more curious people to the church, many joining the prayer and vigil.

Reverend Allred

One of the faithful to join in and assist with this growing revival was the Reverend Elias W. Allred who lived a few miles north in Tate, Georgia (Pickens County). Rev. Allred was the great grandson of the "original" Thomas. (Thomas, Elias, Elias, Elias)

Church records tell us that new members were accepted and nonbelievers were converted throughout this extraordinary experience which continued until December 6, 1873. According to the legend and church records, as the glow began to dim and the music faded, the congregation broke through the ice on the nearby frozen Etowah River. Seventy-seven converts were baptized in the icy waters that day by the church pastor Francis Marion Williams who was assisted by the Reverend Benjamin Hitt and the Reverend Elias Allred. One hundred names were added to the church roll as a result of this Great Revival.

When I first read accounts of this Great Revival, I could hardly believe this wonderful story and was inspired to find out as much as possible about it. Accounts of this Great Revival are listed in the book *Heritage of Cherokee County, Georgia* (1998) on pages 38 and 44. Allred historian, Robert S. Davis, has written about it in his family history and an article telling the tale was published in the *Atlanta Journal* on November 28, 1966 (*Tombstones Tell The Tale Of Great Revival of 1873*). The more I've read about it, the more curious and inspired I've become.

As a result, we have added a visit to this historic church to our 2000 Week of Allred schedule. I'm looking forward to visiting this church in November and I hope you'll be able to join us.

Allreds in the News

Alan Allred: Gifted Young Man

(Thomas, John, John Calvert, Elisha, Joseph, William, James, John)

by Linda Allred Cooper

Each year Duke University's Talent Identification Program (TIP) honors some of the most talented seventh-graders in the USA. These students come from a variety of economic and educational backgrounds, from 16 different states in the Southeast, Midwest and Southwest. All of the students scored in the top five percent on either the SAT or ACT national achievement test and have shown tremendous talent in a variety of academic areas. This year Alan Allred, the 13 year-old son of John and Maria Allred, Archdale, NC (Randolph County) was among the honored students.

Alan, a 7th grader and straight "A" student at Archdale Trinity Middle School, scored 1060 on the SAT placing him among the very brightest of North Carolina and America's students. Alan was honored at a ceremony held at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC, on June 9, 2000. He was invited to attend a special Summer Program at Duke University in Durham, NC.

Alan, who brings home straight "A's" on each report card, is considering a career in medicine. His proud father told me that Alan is very talented in math and also is a very talented piano player. "He is unique and amazing to watch," his father said. "He may want to go to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for his undergraduate work, but he's only 13, so we'll have to wait and see."

(Ryan H. Allred was also honored at this same ceremony, but nothing further is known about him at this time.)



Don Allred, 2000 President Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce

Donald Howard Allred is the current president of the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce.

"He says, "We recognize what a special place Randolph County is and have chosen to live here because of that. We spend our spare time working with the Chamber trying to make it an even more special place -- a place where somebody answers when opportunity knocks."

An article about his father, Garland Howard Allred, a World War II Hero was featured on page 17 of the Summer Issue No. 43.

(Solomon, Pineas, Robert, George Washington, Charles Milton, William Fletcher and Garland Howard)

East Coast Allred Update

by Linda Allred Cooper
Pittsboro, NC

Twelve East Coast Allred members traveled to Utah for this year's AFO Allred Reunion June 24. What a great trip! We flew to Salt Lake City then drove south for the reunion in Spring City. ECA members, Alice Allred Pottmyer, Linda Herrick Smith and Laura Pottmyer, joined up with us at the reunion site, bringing our total to 15. At the reunion, while enjoying the fellowship and fun, two of our members, Adrian and Tot Allred, bought the beautiful Allred Family Quilt which was auctioned as an AFO fundraiser. This beautiful quilt was hand-stitched by one of our AFO members and has the Allred Family crest emblazoned on the front. It will be on display at our reunion in Randolph County in September. See photo on page 1.

After the Spring City reunion, we drove to Southwest Utah for some spectacular sightseeing along famous Highway 12. Voted among the top ten most scenic highways in the world. This highway took us over Boulder Mountain, past Calf's Creek, through the Grand Staircase, to the Petrified Forest and Bryce Canyon. We stopped and jumped out of the vans to take pictures every 10 minutes. The scenery was breath taking! If you've never been to SW Utah - go! What an incredible place! We ended our trip with a visit to Zion National Park. We drove north to Salt Lake City where we spent the afternoon visiting Temple Square. Owen Allred, father of AFO President Larry Allred, and some of his family members joined us that afternoon. They gave us a great send off as we left for the airport and our trip back home. Were we tired! But, smiles were everywhere.

Preparing for the Next Reunion

No rest for the weary though. There's too much to do to prepare for our Allred Reunion on September 9 and 10 in Randolph County. I hope you've already made plans to join us. We expect more than 1,000 people to attend; more calls, letters and e-mails are coming in everyday and

interest is spreading like "wild fire". I hope we'll see all of you there. If you need any last minute information about the reunion, please don't hesitate to contact us. My e-mail address is lacooper@mindspring.com and my phone number is 919/542-3077. Eddie Clay Allred's e-mail address is eallred@eddieallred.com and his phone number is 336/672-6608.

We're also busy finalizing plans for our 2000 Week of Allred, which is scheduled November 25 - December 2 this year. This year we'll spend three days in Randolph County, NC, visiting two abandoned graveyards where Allreds are buried and repairing Allred tombstones in yet another graveyard. Then we travel south to Pickens County, Georgia, where we'll attend a family supper meeting and tour the area where Elias, son of the "original" Thomas Allred, settled in the early 1840's. We will travel a little further west to Rome, Georgia, for another family supper meeting and tour Allred sites in Floyd and Polk Counties.

Mystery Allreds

The Allreds who live here descend from John Allred who was born approximately 1770 and died 1860. John is one of our "mystery" Allreds. He hasn't been attached to any of the four original Allred men yet. His descendants think he may have been born in South Carolina. We work on this mystery line during the next few months. A complete schedule for the 2000 Week of Allred is on pages 10-11.

Many thanks to everyone who has been helping put the Week of Allred schedule and activities together! Our Virginia cousins Phyllis Allred Curt and James V. Allred; our Georgia cousins Pam Wilson, Melvin Alred, Vernon Holbert and Wanda McGuinn; and North Carolina cousins Sue Estep, Jean Allread, Franklin Allred. In addition, Marsha Haithcock of the Randolph Room who always knows the answer to every question I ask.

I want to end by telling you about the portrait of Henry Branson Allred (1825-1901). Henry was the great grandson of the original William. He lived and died in Randolph County, NC. One of his descendants, Phyllis Allred Curt, is the proud owner of a beautiful charcoal portrait of Henry dating back to approximately 1860. The portrait has been passed down in her family over the generations. Unfortunately, like many of us, she didn't have a place to hang the portrait and eventually it wound up in her attic where it was forgotten for more than 20 years. Recently, her interest in family history was revived.

Out of the Attic

She asked her brother, Eugene, to go to the attic and find the portrait. What a shock she had when the portrait was uncovered. She saw the damage done by nature and age. The paper was slowly rotting away and Henry's face was barely visible.

Immediately she located someone who specialized in restoring old photographs. Although Henry's portrait was actually a charcoal drawing, not a photograph, the photographer agreed to scan the image into his computer and create a restored photograph. He also agreed to help her find an artist who might be able to stop the deterioration and restore the original portrait. Yes, it will cost some money, but Henry's portrait is priceless. It can never be replaced. Without it, we would never know what he looked like. It's a blessing that Phyllis decided to get Henry "out of the attic" now instead of waiting a few more months or years when the damage may have been too extensive for repair.

Phyllis plans to have Henry's restored portrait on display at the September reunion. What a wonderful present for Henry's many descendants and cousins who will be there. I hope this story inspires all of you to get your family records and pictures "out of the attic." Time and nature take

a tremendous toll on our precious keepsakes. I know you may be tired of looking at Great Aunt so-and-so's picture or may not have a place to display Great Grandma what's-her-name's family Bible, so the attic, basement or kitchen drawer seems like a convenient place to stick them. Please get them out and make sure they aren't victims of age and damage. Your local library or genealogy association can advise you on ways to preserve these keepsakes. If you don't know who to call for information or advice, contact me. I'll be glad to help you figure out a way to preserve these precious memories.

I hope to see you at the reunion, enjoying the fellowship and admiring Henry's portrait. Until next time—Bye from Randolph County, North Carolina!

Allred Tour of Randolph County Video Available

The East Coast Allreds have created a 30-minute VHS video featuring many of the Allred sites in Randolph County, NC. This video takes you on a Tour of Allred locations including views of the original Allred land which dates back to 1752.

Included on the video are a house built in 1818, graves, historical sites and several Allred stories told by ECA members.

Copies of the video will be sold at the Allred Reunion in Randolph County, September 9 and 10. If you cannot attend, please send your order and check to the East Coast Allreds, P.O. Box 415, Pittsboro, NC 27312. Cost is \$12.50. Postage and handling is included in this price. All proceeds go to the ECA reunion fund.

For more information, contact Linda Allred Cooper at lacooper@mindspring.com or 919/ 542-3077.

Guestbook & Queries from the Allred Family Website

Check www.allredfamily.org and then go to the Roster and Guest Book & Queries

• My wife, Lovonna, is trying to locate more details of her father, Roy Allred. He was born June 16, 1924, and died March 1984. Lovonna's mother, Eddie, married Roy after World War II. Her sister, Rama, was born in Fort Riley, Kansas, in 1953. Eddie (Edna) returned to the UK in 1955 and Lovonna was born soon after her mother returned. Eddie died in 1979. She lived in London after her return from the USA. Roy was last known living in Phoenix, AZ. My name is Anthony and I recently retired as an officer in the British Army Air Corps. We would like to find out more about Lovonna's father whom she never met and also get in touch with her brothers and sisters. We will visit the USA in September.

*Anthony and Lovonna Allred Brown
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• I am still looking for my great grandfather John Allred's link back to North Carolina. I believe he was born 1770-1780 in North Carolina, married Mary ? from South Carolina. She was born about 1792. He shows up in Georgia, Hall County, in 1820 where he bought 150 acres of land. The 1830 and 1840 Federal Census show him in Gwinnett County, Georgia. John and Mary had 12 children. All were born in Georgia between 1810 and 1838. The children were Jesse, Charity, Pinkney, James, Melia (?), Solatia (?), Masten (my great-grandfather), John James, Mary Ann, Seborn, Noah and Henry. John may have had a second wife, Martha Conaway. Any information about the family is greatly appreciated.

*Jim Allred
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• I am the great, great grandson of William Dallas and Mary Estes Allred. I just found out about a

reunion in Alabama. I would like some information about it.

*Donald Allred
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• This is just a fantastic site. I was looking for information about my husband's Allred family and found my grandfather shares the same heritage as my husband. I put some information in on them. I hope I did it right. I will visit often. I enjoyed the history of James Martin Allred, and the history of James, Isaac and William Allred. Thank you Heather Brush, Karla Monson and Sharon Allred Jessop for submitting those. Keep up the good work.

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• Your website is great. I am looking for kin on Trampis William Allred.

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• I had to write a word of praise for Linda Allred Cooper for her valuable assistance in documenting my connection to the Allred family. For over a year, I sought the will of John Allred, born 1764 near Bush Creek and Deep River, Randolph Co., NC. His wife was Sarah Spencer. Linda came to my rescue. She took this as one of her projects. She visited the State Archives in Raleigh numerous times and discovered John Allred "departed this life intestate." The court records from the estate revealed what I was seeking. William Shires Charter, my great grandfather, was a son of James and Jane Allred Carter. Jane was the daughter of John and Sarah Spencer Allred. Linda will write an article for the newsletter about the court records in the near future. These records were full of surprises and names that you will not

want to miss. A big thanks to Linda from a very grateful Texas.

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• I am looking for more information on James Lafayette Allred who married Hannah Murphree. This is my great grandfather's wife. I like this website.

*Susan Childress Bode
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• I am Mechelle Allred hilbrandt and am searching for information about my father, Michell Lee Allred, born August 27, in Blount, AL. His parents were Connie Allred and Mary Action. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

*Mechelle Allred Hilbrandt
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• I am searching for information regarding Green Warren Allred and John Hillary Allred. Both are buried in Wellington, UT. Martin Floyd Allred is buried in Bluebell, UT. Thank you.

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• Just wondering if you included Aldreds in your family. From a cursory look at the web page links, I would guess not. James and Mary Ann (Durant) Aldred of Suffolk, England, and Ontario are among my ancestors.

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My grandfather was Thomas Allred, Laredo, TX. If you have any information, please contact me!

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From 1915 to 1920, Henry and Edith Ivie Allred turned a house in Bountiful, UT, into the Bountiful Milk Sanatorium to nurse sick people back to health with "the milk cure." The house was built in 1848 by Anson Call and it is located at 1201 North 200 West in Bountiful, a town just north of Salt Lake City. The sanatorium treated miners and other patients who suffered from consumption. Part of the treatment used for the condition included goat's milk in the diet. A herd of goats were milked and raised on the property. In the above photo, Henry Deloss "Hank" is holding the cow in the right of the photo. Photo about 1915.



Edith Ivie Allred (sitting in front) and Henry D. Allred (far right). The others in the photo are not identified. Photos from A Guide to Early Bountiful Homes, Published by The Bountiful Area Centennial Committee, 1993.

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